

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 1, 2005, in which claims 1-24 were rejected, and claims 55-84 were allowed. With this Amendment, claim 7 is canceled, and claims 1, 3, 6, 8 and 11-23 are amended. Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1-6, 8-24 and previously allowed claims 55-84.

**Information Disclosure Statements**

Two Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) are being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the two IDS are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-6 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,863,943 to Wang et al. ("the '943 patent").

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Office Action on page 2 noted allowable subject matter as follows:

Claims 7-9, 11-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 55-84 are allowed.

With this Amendment, Applicants have followed the Examiner's suggestion and amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 7. Claim 7 has been cancelled. Dependent claims 11-23 have been amended to depend from independent claim 1 instead of cancelled claim 7, and dependent claims 3, 6 and 8 are also amended.

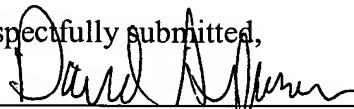
By incorporating allowable subject matter into amended independent claim 1, the anticipation rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by the '943 patent to the claims 1-6 and 8-24 are overcome and all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1-6, 8-24 and 55-84.

Applicants have made an earnest effort to respond to all issues raised in the Office Action of April 1, 2005, and to place all claims presented in condition for allowance. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

Applicants submit that all claims have been placed in a condition for allowance, and respectfully request an early and favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

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Respectfully submitted,



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